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COIN PAY PHONE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any change in the usage of coin phone;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether two one rupee coins have to be inserted even for local calls; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) In BSNL, there is a change in usage of coin pay phone.

(b) In BSNL, in order to provide access to mobile services from Local Public Call Offices (located at places other than Point of Interconnect with mobile services) a uniform pulse of 120 second with a charge of Rs.2/- is prescribed for Coin Collection Box (CCB) type PCOs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) 2 one rupee coin will be required for all type of calls including local calls. The new system required certain modification in the CCB type PCOs. So new scheme of 2 one rupee coin would apply to CCB type PCOs from the date necessary changes are made.